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Government of India

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Subject.

Hoisting National Flag and Celebrations for the Independence Day on 15th August, 1947.

Previous References.	Later References.

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No. CA/78/Cons./47.

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OF INDIA.

Subject:- National Flag.

The Constituent Assembly of India passed the following resolution (moved by the Hon'ble Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru) on the 22nd July, 1947 :-

"Resolved that the National Flag of India shall be a horizontal tricolour of deep Saffron (Kesari), white and dark green in equal proportion. In the centre of the white band, there shall be a Wheel in navy blue to represent the Charkha. The design of the Wheel shall be that of the Wheel (Chakra) which appears on the abacus of the Sarnath Lion Capital of Asoka.

The diameter of the Wheel shall approximate to the width of the band.

The ratio of the width to the length of the Flag should ordinarily be 2 : 3."

D. 2371/47-Pub(B)
Dt. 25-7-47.

2. Departments of the Government of India are being informed of this decision to enable them to take all the action required for flying the National Flag on all important Government buildings in India on August 15, 1947; as well as to instruct their representatives abroad to fly the flag over their offices and residences on that day.

We understand that W.M.P. Department (through the C.P.W.D.) is responsible for the flags flown on Government buildings in Delhi, the Defence Department on buildings and places under their control, and that the Home Department ordinarily issue instructions in this matter both to the departments of the Government of India and to Provincial Governments. The Home Department will presumably issue instructions on this occasion also; but as a precautionary measure, a copy of this note is forwarded to all departments of the Government of India for information.

Departments are advised to take immediate action in the matter, and to place their orders on the appropriate authorities for the flags that they will require on August 15, 1947.

3. It will be noted that the resolution passed by the Constituent Assembly does not prescribe any fixed size for the flag. This has been done intentionally to enable the various authorities concerned to fly flags of the appropriate size, e.g. on high buildings it may be advisable to fly a flag with a ratio of 1 : 2 between its width and length. The material to be used for the flag is also left to be decided by the experts on the subject.

New Delhi,
July 23, 1947.

(B.F.H.B.Tyabji)
Deputy Secretary.

1. To all the departments of the Government of India.

2. A sample flag is forwarded to :

(1) the Home Department,
(2) The W.M.P.Department,
(3) the Commerce Department,
(4) the Finance Department, and
(5) the Defence Department.

3. Copy to the S.G.G.(Public) for information.

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TELEGRAM GRADE 'C'

From:--Hicomind, London.
To :--Foreign, New Delhi.
No :--1452
Dated--22nd (received 23rd)July 1947

T.O.O. 2000
T.O.R. 0715

I M M E D I A T E .

High Commissioner* has to-day seen copy of Congress Working Committee's programme for celebration on August 15th. No instructions have been received from Government of India regarding celebrations. Presumably Government orders are about to issue. Those orders should reach London in sufficient time for arrangements to be made in detail. For instance we have no national flag here and would like full details of colours and dimensions. High Commissioner has no instructions regarding future of India House. Please confirm that on August 15th India House in London will remain the office of the High Commissioner for India and that separate accommodation will be provided for PAKISTAN representative's office in London. Clear orders and Press publicity should be given to this decision so that no embarrassment and disorder is caused here on August 15th by PAKISTAN supporters insisting on hoisting PAKISTAN flag on India House. PAKISTAN demonstration at India House would be most unfortunate and should obviously be avoided. High Commissioner believes that if an announcement of decision which is fully publicised regarding accommodation for PAKISTAN representative in London is issued before August 15th no demonstration at India House will in fact be made* If on the other hand India House is temporarily to be the office for both Indian and PAKISTAN representative here then presumably both flags should be hoisted here on August 15th. Please confirm.

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*by ch

Copy to Home Deptt:

K.A.
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IMMEDIATE.

NO.87/47-PUBLIC(B)
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
HOME DEPARTMENT, (INDIA).

(By Air Mail)

Sr.No-3

From

G.V.BEDEKAR, Esquire, I.C.S.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

To

All Provincial Governments (India)
excluding Sind and North West Frontier Province,

and

The Chief Commissioners (India),
excluding Baluchistan.

New Delhi, (3) the 29/11 July,'47.

SUBJECT:- Indian National Flag - Celebrations on the 15th August, 1947.

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Sir,

I am directed to say that the Government of India have since adopted the new National Flag of India as approved by the Constituent Assembly. The relevant resolution adopted by the Constituent Assembly on the 22nd July 1947 is as follows:-

"Resolved that the National Flag be a horizontal tricolour of deep saffron (Kesri), white and dark green in equal proportion. In the centre of the white band, there shall be a wheel in Navy blue to represent the Charkha. The design of the wheel shall be that of the wheel (Chakra) which appears on the abacus of the Sarnath Lion Capital of Asoka.

The diameter of the wheel shall approximate to the width of the band.

The ratio of the width to the length of the Flag should ordinarily be 2:3."

2. A specimen colour drawing of the Flag as approved is enclosed.

3. It may be noticed that the above resolution does not prescribe any fixed size for the Flag. Pending formal orders about the sizes of the Flag to be flown by various office is suggested that, if the Provincial Government you have no objection, the size mentioned in the Annexure may kindly be adopt As regards supply of flags, it is suggested that, in view of the shortness/..

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the shortness of time, arrangements may kindly be made to have them prepared locally in the appropriate sizes and quantities required, preference being given to 'Khaddar' (or Indian cloth) in making the flags. The Government of India proposes, for the future, to arrange to keep in stock National Flags of different sizes at a central store on which indents could be made.

4. The Provincial Government (You) are being informed of this decision to enable them (you) to take all the action required for flying the National Flag on all important Government buildings in India and on official residences concerned on August 15, 1947.

5. The Central Government have under consideration a tentative programme for the celebrations to be held in Delhi on the inauguration of the new Dominion of India on the 15th August, 1947 which includes the following:-

(a) Hoisting of the National Flag on all Central Government buildings (the Union Jack hauled down after sunset on 14th August not being hoisted on 15th August).

(b) Flag salutation ceremony in the evening to which His Excell will drive in State.

(c) Hoisting of the National Flag by His Excellency at the above ceremony.

(d) A march past of troops after the National Flag has been hoisted.

(e) Illumination and flood-lighting of the principal buildings in Delhi.

(f) Exhibition of Fire-Works at night.

(g) Distribution of modals and sweets among school children.

(h) General amnesty to prisoners (including commutation of death penalty).

The Provincial Government (You) are requested to celebrate the Independence Day in a fitting manner and to adopt such programme of ceremonies as local conditions may require.

6./.....

6. The Defence Department (India) are being requested to instruct local Military Commanders to render all possible assistance in arranging march past of troops

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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No.87/47-PUBLIC(B)., New Delhi, (3) the 2nd July, 1947.

*with a sample drawing to all except Commerce Finance and Defence.

*Copy forwarded to all Departments (including States Department) (India) of Govt. of India; All the Secretaries to the Governor General; Military Secretary to the Viceroy; Political Department and the Establishment Officer to the Government of India for information and necessary action so far as the Central Government buildings under their administrative control are concerned. The Works, Mines and Power Department are arranging for the hoisting of the Flag on all Central Government buildings in Delhi and Simla. The departments concerned may arrange for the hoisting of the Flag on the buildings in Provinces (e.g. Customs, Salt and Central Excise, port offices, railway buildings).

E.A. & C.R. Dept. only.

External Affairs & Commonwealth Relations Department may issue suitable instructions to India's representatives abroad for hoisting of the national flag and celebration.

For Defence Deptt.(India) only.

Defence Department (India) with a request to issue detailed instructions to Commands, Areas and Sub-Areas etc., to fly the National Flag on 15th August, 1947 and to celebrate the day. The instructions should also cover the Royal Indian Navy and Royal Indian Air Force. Attention is drawn to paragraph 5 of the above letter to provinces. Instructions will no doubt be issued to establish contact and liaison with local civil authorities, wherever necessary.

2. Indents for flags required may be placed on the Works and Power Department (India) with indication as to sizes.

By order,

(G.V.BEDEKAR)
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

-SPS-
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A N N E X U R E

NO.	NAME OF OFFICIAL	SIZE OF THE NATIONAL FLAG FLOWN.
1.	Their Excellencies the Governors of Provinces.	21' x 14'
2.	Provincial Legislative Councils.	12' x 9'
3.	High Courts, Chief Courts and Judicial Commissioners' Courts.	12' x 9'
4.	The Chief Commissioners, Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Ajmer-Merwara Coorg and Panth Piploda.	6' x 4'
5.	Commissioners of divisions, Deputy Commissioners or Collectors.	6' x 4'
6.	Members of the Board of Revenue, Madras.	6' x 4'
7.	Courts of District and Sessions Judges, when the flying of the flag has been authorised by the local government.	6' x 4'

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Serial No. 4

Draft Letter / ~~Memorandum~~ / ~~Telegram~~

No. 87/47-Public(B) Dated 29/7/47

1. Date of despatch.
2. List of enclosures.

Issue 29/7/47

Issued 29/7

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To

The Registrar,
Federal Court of India
New Delhi.

Sub: Indian National Flag – Celebrations on 15th August, 1947.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the Home Department letter No. 87/47-Public(B) dated on the subject mentioned above for information and such action as is considered necessary.

I have etc.

A.S. (C)

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TELEGRAM. IMPORTANT STATE

TO

ANDMANS

PORT BLAIR

D.2390/47-Pub(B)
Dt. 28-7-47.

215/47-AN. FOR MAJID FROM STOOKS (.) GOVERNMENT INDIA HAVE DECIDED TO ABSORVE AUGUST FIFTEEN AS INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY (.) DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR CELEBRATIONS AND HOISTING OF NATIONAL FLAG AND LOWERING OF UNION JACK WILL ISSUE SHORTLY (.) MEANWHILE PLEASE CONFIRM THAT MAHARAJA WILL REACH PORT BLAIR THIRTEENTH AUGUST VIA CAR NICOBAR TO ENABLE TIMELY DELIVERY OF NATIONAL FLAGS TO BE XXXX SENT FROM HERE (.) IF NOT, PLEASE REARRANGE PROGRAMME TO ENABLE TIMELY DELIVERY(.)

HOMEX.

Sd/- 25/7/47

for Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

✓ Copy to: ~~D.S.(A.N.)~~ Public(B) Section.

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TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR TELEGRAM BEARING SAME NUMBER AND DATE

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Telegram Grade C No.5897 dated 25th July 1947.

From.. Foreign, New Delhi.
To.... Hicomind, London.

Important

Your telegram No.1452 dated 22nd July.

Question of disposal of India House and other fixed assets in foreign countries is now before Partition Council. A decision is expected by the end of this month and will be communicated to you as soon as it is known.

2. As regards national flag necessary instructions are under issue.

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PS to HM., SG., C.R.Wing-Secretary and Joint Secretary(3)
P.S.V.(2)., Cabinet Secretary., (E.A.Wing-FS., JS(X)).
and copy to Home Department.

P.E.W.(14)
Recd:July 28th.

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Reply—
Details instructions contained in our letter no — dt — — Flags are to be obtained locally

SNO. 7 DS(P) 30-7

SNO. 2

TELEGRAM GRADE 'C' CONFIDENTIAL 9372

From..... Coorg Mercara

To..... Home Department, New Delhi

No.CB- 133/47

Dated 29th (received 30th) July 1947. T.O.O. 1525
T.O.R. 0100

Solicit instructions about national flag.

No manufacturers of flags in Coorg.

2. Instructions about celebrations* on August 15th also solicited.

* by add.

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SECY AND HOME DEPTT(2) PSV(2) CABINET SECY: EA DT(JSX & AS(PRT.

E.A.
30/7/47.

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D.O. No. G/47. 4145.

Works, Mines & Power Department (INDIA),

New Delhi.
26th July, 1947.

My dear Banerjee,

I enclose herewith extracts from the minutes of a meeting called by H.M., WMP a few days ago. The minutes contain an outline of the programme for the official celebrations proposed for the 15th August 1947. I shall be grateful for any further suggestions that you may like to make.

A Committee consisting of representatives of all the Departments concerned has been set up to co-ordinate this work and this Committee has already resolved itself into a number of sub-committees. I am asking the convener (Mr. B.S. Puri, OBE, ISE, Chief Engineer, C.P.W.D.) of the Co-ordination Committee to send to all Secretaries of Departments minutes of all their meetings so that they may be

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kept informed of the progress in this matter.

Copies of the minutes of the first meeting called by H.M. have been already circulated to all Hon'ble Members.

Yours sincerely,

(D.L. Mazumdar)

To

R. N. Banerjee, Esq.
C.S.I. C.I.E. I.C.S.
Secretary, Home Deptt.
(India)

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D.O. No. 9-145

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Telegrams :—
"WOMIPO"

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DEPARTMENT OF
WORKS, MINES & POWER

Dated, New Delhi, the 29th July 1947.

D.2648/47-Publ(S)
Dt. 1-8-47.

My dear Shankar,

Your letter of the 28th July 1947 about Celebrations on the 15th August 1947.

2. Swearing-in ceremony: As regards the taking of Oath by Government servants, this must necessarily be held over till after the ceremony at the Constituent Assembly Hall, I assume Home Dept. will address all Departments of the Govt. of India separately on this point and also enclose with their instructions a copy of the approved form of Oath.

3. A point in regard to the swearing-in ceremony which has been raised by some Departments is whether the members of the Constituent Assembly should attend this function at the Viceroy's House. H.M., WMP thinks that it is not necessary for the Constituent Assembly Members to do so, as it would add to the confusion if they did. I have separately sent a long Memo. on the subject to all Hon'ble Members including this and a few other points on which their views have been invited by H.M., WMP.

4. Hand-over ceremony at the Constituent Assembly Hall: The point made by H.M., Home has been noted and I have also mentioned it to MSV who is working out the detailed programme of celebrations subject to H.E.'s approval.

5. Flag Salutation Ceremony: We have provided for the fly-past and the dip-in ceremony by Military aircrafts. MSV has been asked to include these items in his revised programme. We are also arranging to provide Indian music, but such music would necessarily have to be played by non-Military bands.

We are also arranging for a Flag song.

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6. I am looking to the other points that you have mentioned and am asking Education Department to address the School authorities in Delhi about the Celebrations.

7. We do not anticipate any difficulty in arranging for the supply of flags.

8. As I have already mentioned, at H.M.'s instance, I have circulated a Memo. to all Hon'ble Members on the subject of the Celebrations and H.M. also hopes to mention this at tomorrow's meeting of the Cabinet.

We are very grateful indeed for ~~all~~ the interest that H.M., Home is taking in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

D L Mazumdar

(D.L.MAZUMDAR)

V. Shankar, Esqr., ICS.,
Private Secretary to
H.M., Home,
1, Aurangzeb Road,
New Delhi.

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Flags be sent to Coorg?

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TELEGRAM GRADE 'C' CONFIDENTIAL 9372

D. 24462/47-Pub(S)
Dt. 31-7-47.

From..... Coorg Mercara

To..... Home Department, New Delhi

No.CB- 133/47

Dated 29th (received 30th) July 1947. T.O.O. 1525
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SECY AND HOME DEPTT(2) PSV(2) CABINET SECY: EA DT(JSX & AS(PRT)

E.A.
30/7/47.

We have already sent a telegram to Coorg suggesting contact with Madras Govt. We also enquired if flags are needed from here.

A V Raman
31.7.47

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Serial No. (17) (17)

Draft Letter / Memorandum / Telegram

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2. List of enclosures.

No. 87/47-Public(B) Dated 30th July 47

My dear Kar,

I enclose a copy of letter No. 87/47-Public(B) dt. 29.7.47 regarding hoisting of the national flags on 15th August, 1947. Will you please take action to have flags locally made and have it ~~hung~~ hoisted at the depot premises? ~~Pos~~ Presumably the Bengal Govt. will supply you with flags.

Also I enclose a copy of notification No. 65/5/47-Public(B) dt. 29.7.47 declaring 15th and 16th August, 1947 as Public holidays. Please take action accordingly.

Yours Sincerely,

A.S. (C)

To.

A. L. Kar., Esq.
Administrative officer.
C.D. Stores Depot (Fire)
219, Grand Trunk Road, Baidyabati P.O
Dist. Hooghly.

Loose

Issue today 30/7 L.N. 30/7

Please give copy of this letter also.

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Letter
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No. 87/47-Public(B) Dated 2.8.47

To. M/s. Eddie & Co. ~~Outfitters~~ Sailors, Queensway
Connaught Place,
New Delhi.

~~Smt~~:

Subject: Supply of National Flags.

Dear Sirs,

Please arrange to ~~supply~~ despatch immediately the following number of National Flags in the sizes mentioned therein to the Chief ~~Co~~ Commissioner, Coorg, Mercara:-

~~No~~.	Sizes.	Nos.
12'x6'	~~or 12'x8'~~	1
6'~~x4~~'	6'x4'	6
	3'x2'	9
	9"x6"	3
Total		19 Nos.

The parcel should be sent to the Chief Commissioner, Coorg, Mercara by air so as to reach him ~~not~~ later than before the 8th August 1947.

S-5 (Small)
B. P. 6767/A/S-109—10-2-42—50,000 pads

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The bill should also be sent direct to him for payment.

The postage and packing charges, if any, may be included in the bill.

Please confirm to the undersigned as above that the sizes can be supplied on 4.8.47

Yours affly.

and

A.S.(C)

Issued 2/8.

Copy to the Chief Commissioner, Coorg, Mercara for information with reference to his telegram No. 14209/47 dt. 31.7.47.

F.R

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By order:

and

A.S.(C)

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Telegram issued.
Copy post-still to go.
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COORG

MERCARA

F.P. p. 11/corr

Your telegram dated Twenty ninth July regarding National Flag (.) Detailed instructions already issued in Home Department letter No. 87/47-Public (B) dated 29th July (.) For supply of flags either Contact Madras Government or wire your requirements to this Department (.) Following sizes in feet available twelve by six, six by four, three by two and nine inches by six inches (.) ~~Silk and cotton both available~~.

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Copy by post in Confirmation.

By order.

Issued 2/8

A.S. (C)

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MESSAGE FORM FOR USE AT REPORT CENTRES

A.R.P.M 2.

For use in Report Centre when message starts "Air Raid Damage".

Date	Time at which receipt of message was completed.	Telephonist's Initials

(Commence with the words) "AIR RAID DAMAGE"

Designation of REPORTING AGENT (e.g., Warden's Post Number).

POSITION of occurrence

*TYPE of bombs:— H.E. Incendiary Poison Gas

Approx. No. of CASUALTIES:— (If any trapped under wreckage, say so)

If FIRE say so:

*Damage to MAINS:— Water Coal Gas Sewers underground/ Overhead electric cables

Names of ROADS BLOCKED

Position of any UNEXPLODED BOMBS

TIME of occurrence (approx.)

Services already ON THE SPOT or COMING:—

Remarks:—

Serial No. of Incident (Inserted in Control Room)

(Finish with the words) "MESSAGE ENDS"

* Delete those not reported

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER DELHI

D.O. No. 1043 ST/CC

DELHI

26th July 1947

My dear Banerjee,

I send you a copy of secret D.O. No. 1177/S -11 of today's date from Lal, regarding arrangements to be made in connection with the celebrations on August 15, and shall be obliged if the information asked for by Lal is furnished to the Local Administration as early as possible. If in addition to the arrangements which the Local Administration would themselves make, the Government of India consider any special arrangements necessary instructions in the matter may kindly be issued.

Yours sincerely,

(S. Khurshid)

R. N. Banerjee, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of India,
Home Department,

NEW DELHI

Copy of secret D.O. No. 1177/S-11 dated the 26th July 1947 from D.C. Lal, Esquire, I.P., Senior Superintendent of Police, Delhi, to the Chief Commissioner, Delhi

I write in connection with the arrangements for the 15th August.

As you know, certain irresponsible sections are likely to cause some form of demonstration against the Congress Government on that day. The latest information is that the Hindu Mahasabha is also planning some form of black flag demonstration and possibly pulling down of the National Flag from public buildings if it is hoisted.

Added to these problems is the fact that on the 15th will be the Juma-tul-vida which is a very big day in Delhi. Very large numbers of Muslims from Delhi and neighbouring districts gather to say their prayers in the Juma Masjid. The crowds are so great that they extend far into the lawns opposite the mosque.

Elaborate arrangements will be necessary not only on the 15th but for a few days before and after. These will depend largely on the nature of the celebrations or any ceremonies which may be planned. It is, therefore necessary to obtain from the Government of India a detailed programme of the celebrations and ceremonies which are intended. These should also include any private flag hoisting or other functions which any individual Hon'ble Member intend to perform.

I am to request you to kindly bring the above to the notice of the Government of India and to obtain the necessary information.

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M.S.

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HOME DEPARTMENT (India)

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No. 87/47-Pub(B). Dated the 22nd July 1947.

My dear Khurshid,

Will you please refer to your d.o. ~~to Home Secretary~~ No.1043.ST/CC of the 26th instant? Banerjee.?

2. The Deputy Commissioner, Delhi, is represented on the Celebrations Sub-Committee set up under the auspices of the W.M.P. Deptt. and is fully aware of the ~~entire~~ programme of the celebrations. Randhawa and Lal were also present at the Sub-Committee meeting held on the 28th instant when the celebrations programme was being discussed. A note has been made of Police requirements by Lal. The details of the celebrations programme will be finalised shortly and approved by the Cabinet when a copy will be made available to you and the Delhi Police.

3. As regards private flag hoisting & other ceremonies which individual Hon Members may attend individually, we have no objection.

Yours sincerely,

Sahibzada Khurshid,
C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Chief Commissioner,
Delhi.

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LOKNATH SANJIBAN SANGHA.

(Regd. Under Act ..... of .....)

Baidyapur.
P. O. TARAKESWAR.
(Hooghly.)

S. No. 17

NO :——

Dated 18. 7. 1947 .

Hon'ble Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,
Member for Information & Broadcasting,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

D. 2379/47-Pub(B)
Dt. 26-7-47.

Respected Sardarji,

It is more than a century and a half we, Indians, have been under British administration, and so long we were enjoying a holiday on the Emperor's Birthday. Now that India will be freed from British Rule and we are going to have our own Government from the 15th August next, we should make that day memorable by all round rejoicing in the new country - so that we can easily appreciate that we are going enter into a new life - a free life.

You are aware of the fact that the 23rd April'47 was observed by all the clerical staff in Calcutta Offices, as a protest in the shape of 'Hartal' against the outrage by a member of the Calcutta Police Armed Forces on a lady at 100, Harrison Rd., Calcutta, only for the vindication of a noble human right viz., to up hold the honour of the Indian womanhood. But I was surprised at the attitude of the Employers to penalise the clerical staff by deducing one day's pay or by depriving them of the holiday on the 1st July' 1947.

To make this day as a NATIONAL DAY OF REJOICING throughout India and to help all workers in the country to do so, I pray to your mighty command to declare that day as a public holiday and to ask all the Government Officials to observe the 15th August in a fitting manner. Thus kindly help the workers - I mean the working section - to appreciate that from that day they will enjoy the benefits of free citizenship. My respectful 'Pronam' to you.

Your obediently,

Loknath Banerjee

(Loke Nath Banerjee)

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To

Mr. Loke Nath Banerjee
Loknath Sanjiban Sangha.
Baidyapore
P.O. Tarakeswar
Distt. Hooghly.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter dt. 18.7.47 addressed to Honible Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and to say that a public holiday is being declared on the 15th and 16th August, 1947. Arrangements are also being made to celebrate the inauguration of the Dominion of India in a fitting manner.

Yours Affly.
MR
A.S. (C)

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PORT BLAIR

D. 2492/47-Pub(B) Dt. 2-8-47.

215/47-AN FROM STOOKS FOR MAJID (.) YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 1-470/47 DATED TWENTY-EIGHTH JULY(.) FIVE INDIAN NATIONAL FLAGS FOR YOU AND ONE FOR NICOBARS BEING SENT TO BEST MADRAS WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO ENTRUST THEM TO CAPTAIN OF MAHARAJA FOR DELIVERY TO YOU AND BOOMGARDT(.) PLEASE ASK BOOMGARDT TO CONTACT CAPTAIN WHEN MAHARAJA REACHES NICOBARS(.) PLEASE TAKE ACTION REQUIRED FOR FLYING NATIONAL FLAG ON ALL IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND ON OFFICIAL RESIDENCES CONCERNED ON AUGUST FIFTEEN 1947(.) PARA 2(.) GOVERNMENT INDIA'S TENTATIVE PROGRAMME FOR CELEBRATIONS TO BE HELD IN DELHI ON INAUGURATION OF NEW DOMINION OF INDIA ON AUGUST FIFTEEN 1947 INCLUDES (a) HOISTING OF NATIONAL FLAG ON ALL CENTRAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS (UNION JACH HAULED DOWN AFTER SUNSET ON AUGUST FOURTEEN NOT BEING HOISTED ON AUGUST FIFTEEN) (b) FLAG SALUTATION CEREMONY IN EVENING TO WHICH HIS EXCELLENCY WILL DRIVE IN STATE (c) HOISTING OF NATIONAL FLAG BY H.E. AT ABOVE CEREMONY (d) MARCH PAST OF TROOPS AFTER NATIONAL FLAG HAS BEEN HOISTED (e) ILLUMINATION AND FLOOD-LIGHTING OF PRINCIPAL BUILDINGS IN DELHI (f) EXHIBITION OF FIRE-WORKS AT NIGHT (g) DISTRIBUTION OF MEDALS AND SWEETS AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN (h) GENERAL AMNESTY TO PRISONERS (INCLUDING COMMUTATION OF DEATH PENALTY) (.) YOU ARE REQUESTED TO CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY IN FITTING MANNER AND TO ADOPT SUCH PROGRAMME OF CEREMONIES AS LOCAL CONDITIONS MAY REQUIRE (.) YOU ARE ALREADY AWARE OF PROPOSALS FOR AMNESTY AND ORDERS REGARDING IT WILL FOLLOW SEPARATELY(.)

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8/30/7/47

For Assistant Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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Copy forwarded to Chief Commission Andaman and Nicobar Islands by post.

By order,

(R.N. Phillips)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

✓ Copy forwarded to the Public (B) Section.

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dt.1-8-47.

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CONFIDENTIAL 5897

Telegram Grade C No. 5897 dated 25th July 1947
From ... Foreign, New Delhi.
To ..... Hicomind, London.

IMPORTANT.

Your telegram No. 1452 dated 22nd July. Question of disposal of India House and other fixed assets in foreign countries is not before Partition Council. A decision is expected by the end of this month and will be communicated to you as soon as it is known.

2. As regards national flag necessary instructions are under issue.

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PS TO HM SG CR WING (SECY & JT.SECY)(3) PSV (2) CABINET SECY E.A.WING (FS JS(C)) copy to Home Deptt.

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TELEGRAM GRADE 'C'

FROM.....Hicomind, London
To .....Foreign, New Delhi
No.1706
Dated 2nd(recd 3rd)August 1947

T.O.O. 1920
T.O.R. 0715

M O S T I M M E D I A T E

Following for Bajpai from VELLODI.
Reference my telegram No.1452 July 22nd. May I have confirmation by telegram before Tuesday August 5th that India House on August 15th will be Office of High Commissioner for Dominion of India and not PAKISTAN and that we hoist flag of India and not PAKISTAN flag. Our arrangements for the ceremony held up. Would be grateful for immediate reply.

PS TO HM:SG:SECY & JT SECY CR WING(3)PSV(2)CABINET SECY EA WING(FS & JSX)COPY TO HOME DT

B.R.
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TELEGRAM GRADE 'C'

From:-----Hicomind London.
To :-----Foreign, New Delhi.
No.-----1610
Dated-----and received 30th July 1947. T.O.O. 0145
T.O.R. 1215

D.2461/47-Pub(B)
31.1-8-47.

Your telegram No. 5897 July 25th. I note that future of India House will be decided Council at+ end of this month and decision communicated+ to me immediately Till that decision is known here it is impossible to send out invitations for our celebration on August 15th.

2. It has been suggested that when national flag is+ hoisted an Indian song such as "JHANDA UNCHA RAHE HAMARA" should be sung. Does this meet with your approval

Ends.

PS to HM: SG: C.R.WING (SECY & JT SECY)(5)
E.A.WING JS: JS(X) PSV(2) CABINET SECY:
& COPY TO HOME DEPTT:

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C. L. Gupta
B. Sc. LL. B.
Pleader.

Residence : KUCHA PATI RAM.
Office : DARIBA KALAN.

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DELHI 2/8/ 1947.

D. 2516/47—Pub(B),
4—8—47

From

The Secretary
Central Govt of India
New Delhi.

Sir,

I shall feel highly obliged if you kindly send me four passes of the Flag Hoisting ceremony to be held on 15 8/47 in the Lawns near India Gate, New Delhi.

Thank you very much.

Yours Sincerely.
C L Gupta.
Advocate.

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No. 87/47-Public (B) Dated 7th Aug 47

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To

Mr. C. L. Gupta., B.Sc., L.L.B.
Pleader, Dariba Kalan
Delhi

Sub: Flag Hoisting ~~of~~ Ceremony on the 15th August, 1947 – Passes for.

Sir

With reference to ~~Mr. Gupta's~~ your letter dt. 2.8.47 on the subject noted above I am ~~the undersigned~~ directed to ~~inform him that~~ say that you should address to the Chief Commissioner, Delhi who will issue the necessary passes ~~for the Flag Hoisting Ceremony in the matter~~. I have etc.

and
A. S. (C)

Make the request to who is responsible for allotting seats for the Delhi Administration.

M.R 8/8

F.R

Copy also to the Chief Commissioner, Delhi along with a copy of Mr. Gupta's letter for necessary action.

By order,

A.S. (C)

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No.4149-A/D.6.
Government of India.
Defence Department (India).
NEW DELHI, the 31st July 1947.

O_F_F_I_C_E M_E_M_O_R_A_N_D_U_M

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of Home Department letter No.87/47-Public (B), dated the 29th July 1947, regarding the celebrations and hoisting of the Indian National Flag on the 15th August 1947.

2. The Honourable the Defence Member (India) desires that all Naval, Air and Army formations in all Commands, Areas and Sub-Areas in India should hoist the Indian National Flag on the 15th August 1947 and celebrate the day. Ceremonial parades should be held in all Provincial Capitals. Some Provincial Governments have expressed the desire to hoist the Indian National Flag on historical Forts in India such as Fort St. George, Madras, Sitabaldi Fort, Central Provinces, Red Fort, Delhi etc. The military authorities should cooperate in every way and the programme should be arranged in consultation with the Provincial Governments.

3. It is requested that detailed instructions be issued to all lower formations of the Royal Indian Navy, Royal Indian Air Force and the Indian Army. They should also be instructed to establish contact and liaison with local civil authorities, wherever necessary. In this connection, attention is invited to paragraph 5 of the Home Department letter referred to above. A copy of the instructions issued to lower formations may kindly be sent to this Department for information.

(G.S.Bhalja)
Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Commander-in-Chief, Royal Indian Navy.
The Air Officer-Commanding-in-Chief, India.
The Adjutant General in India.
The Quartermaster General in India.
The Engineer-in-Chief.
The Director of Medical Services in India.

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TELEGRAM

NEW DELHI-3, THE 31st July 1947,

To

All the Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners (except Sind, N.W.F.P. Delhi and Baluchistan).

87-Public(B) REFERENCE HOME DEPARTMENT LETTER NO. 87/47-PUBLIC (B) DATED TWENTYNINTH JULY REGARDING INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS (.) LOCAL MILITARY NAVAL AND AIRFORCE AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RENDER ALL ASSISTANCE IN CELEBRATIONS (.) ARRANGEMINTS FOR PARADES MAY BE MADE BY CIVIL OFFICERS IN DIRECT CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL COMMANDERS.

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SD/-

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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COPY BY POST IN CONFIRMATION

BY ORDER

(A. V. Raman)
Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

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IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM EN-CLAIR

UPAO LUCKNOW

FROM BANERJEE TO HILA (.) LAST NIGHT'S TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION (.) FORM OF OATH SAME FOR BOTH DOMINIONS (.) PLEASE MAKE NECESSARY SUBSTITUTION (.) FINALISATION OF FORM WILL BE INTIMATED TO YOU WITH THE NEXT TWO DAYS (.) PARAGRAPH 2(.) ALL MINISTERS OLD REPEAT OLD AS WELL AS NEW SHOULD TAKE OATHS TO NEW CONSTITUTION (.) PARAGRAPH 3 (INSTRUCTIONS ALREADY ISSUED BY DEFENCE DEPARTMENT TO ALL LOCAL MILITARY COMMANDERS TO HOIST FLAGS ON FORT ETC. AND TO CO-OPERATE FULLY WITH CIVIL AUTHORITIES IN ORGANISING FITTING CELEBRATIONS ACCORDING TO LOCAL CONDITIONS VIDE PARAGRAPH 6 OF OUR LETTER No.87/47-Pub(B) DATED 29TH JULY TO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS OUR TELEGRAM No.87-PUBLIC (B) DATED 31ST JULY TO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS AND DEFENCE DEPARTMENT memorandum 4149-A/D.6 DATED 31ST JULY (.) PARAGRAPH 4(.) PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES CANNOT REPEAT NOT TAKE SALUTE (.) PARAGRAPH 5(.) INSTRUCTIONS FOR OATH TAKING BY OFFICERS WILL FOLLOW (.) THIS OATH TAKING WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE ON 19TH AFTER HOLIDAYS (.) PARAGRAPH 6(.) REPLY REGARDING KASIM RAZA BEING SENT SEPARATELY.

HOMEIN

sd/-
(R.N.BANERJEE)
SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

P.C.

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Telegrams :—
"WOMIPO"

DEPARTMENT OF
WORKS, MINES & POWER
New Delhi.
2nd August 1947.

D.2544/47—Pub.3,
4—8—47

S.No. 27

My dear Banerjee,

With reference to our telephonic conversation the other day, I enclose herewith an extract from the minutes of the 4th meeting of the Celebrations Committee for your information.

Yours sincerely,

D. L. Mazumdar

(D.L. Mazumdar)

R.N. Banerjee, Esq., CSI, CIE, ICS,
Secretary, Home Department,
New Delhi.

I hope this will do. Approach for details could be made by the C.P.W.D. Head = clerk in charge of the dealing arrangements.

D.L.M. 4/8

D.L.M. (P)

4/8 R.S. Raman tells me he will see me on 3rd inst & has made arrangements. This may be filed.

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Extract from minutes of the meeting of the Celebrations Committee held on the 31st July 1947.

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8. A proposal has been received for the reservation of one block at the Flag Hoisting ceremony for subordinate staff of the Govt. of India including clerks, etc. No chairs need be provided in this block. It is also necessary to keep in reserve a fairly large number of seats for last minute requests from important sources. Mr. Barman will please take necessary action on these proposals.

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Sd. H.C. Gupta.
31.7.47.
Deputy Secretary.
Independence Day Celebrations Committee.

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D/o no 8/45 (39)

Telegrams :—
"WOMIPO"

DEPARTMENT OF
WORKS, MINES & POWER

Dated, New Delhi, the 6th Aug. 1947.

8 No. 28.

D. 2693/47—Pub.B,
8-8-47
7/8/47

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My dear Banerjee,

Warren, Secretary, Transport Dept. mentioned to me this afternoon that he had received a complaint from Calcutta that the Calcutta Port Trust Authorities will be flying both the Union Jack and the National Flag side by side on the morning of the 15th August. He said that he had instructed the Calcutta Port Trust Authorities that only the National Flag should be flown on all public buildings in Calcutta from the 15th August onwards. He suggested that general instructions to all public and quasi-public authorities should appropriately issue from Home Dept. I would suggest that, if you agree, you will kindly consider the desirability of issuing instructions on the subject to all concerned and also a short Press Note, as the time between now and the 15th August is very short.

Yours sincerely,

D L Mazumdar

(D.L.MAZUMDAR)

The Hon'ble Mr.
R.N.Banerjee, CSI., CIE., ICS.,
Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Home Department,
NEW DELHI.

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D.O. No. 155/47/PA

New Delhi,
7th August 1947.

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A. 39/cor.

Will you please refer to your demi-official letter No. G 145, dated the 6th August 1947, about issuing instructions to public and quasi-public authorities regarding the hoisting of the National Flag?

2. We have examined the matter and feel that such instructions should issue to bodies like the Calcutta Port Trust by the Department of the Central Government concerned. I think the Transport Department should therefore issue toother Port Trusts as well instructions similar to those already issued by them to the Calcutta Port Trust.

3. As regards other public and quasi-public authorities, e.g. Municipal Corporations, Universities etc., I think it would be rather going out of the way for Government to make any positive suggestions to them. We must leave it to their good sense.

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It is hardly likely that there will be any cases of bodies of this kind continuing to fly the Union Jack.

Yours sincerely,

(R.N. BANERJEE)

D.L. Mazumdar, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary,
W.M.P. Department.

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To

The Hon'ble Sardar Patal,
Hoxfx Member for Home & Information,
Government of India, New Delhi.

Respected Sir,

Enclosed, I submit a few suggestions in connection with the Celebration of Indian Indipendence Day - 15th August 1947.

I am interested in the cause of the prisoners and request you specially to consider their case favourably.

Dy. 2410/47-Pub(B)
Dt. 29-7-47.

Yours respectfully,

Bhagat Ram Shukla -

Ambala Cantt.
Dated 21.7.47.

Bhagat Ram Shukla,
Member, All India Congress Committee
&
President, Prisoners Aid Society,
AmbalaDivision.

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CELEBRATION OF INDIAN INDENPENDENCE..

It is after several decades most difficult, peaceful and Non-violent struggle that on 15th August 1947, India will constitionally function as an independent country. During this our fifty years period all grades of Indians viz,Children, students,Peasents, Businessmen, Professionals, Public men and Government Officials have made their contribution in a manner suggestive and open to them. It is National Pride for Indians of all classes to rejoice and celebrate the Indepehndence Day for the attainment of which several thousands left Schools andColleges,counted imprisonment, broke up families, gave up professions and services and also many of them faced gallows,. The fruit of freedom has been nourished to ripen on 15th August 1947 on the precious blood manure of such illustrious Sons and Daughters of India. The celebration of Indian Idpendence should therefore directly and demonstrably touch all classes of citizens on the following outlines :-

(1). Indian National Flag should fly in millions all over India. Its Maxi Hoisting ceremony should be organised by Mohalla Committees for private buildings, street, wise. The Head of Educational Institutions should do so for Schools and Colleges. At all Government Buildings, the Heads of Government offices should perform the National Flag Hoisting ceremony in the presence of their staff and establishment.

(2). It should be annual National Holiday.

(3). All private and Government buildings should have illumination.

(4). Meetings should be held of the public andGovernment Employees by leaders and responsible Government Officer's to explain the significence of Indian Idependence Day.

(5). Mahatama Gandhi,Sardar Patel and Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru should issue special messages to the country for the occasion, and these messages should be read out at the meetings all over India.

(6). Sweet and small Medals should be issued to School and College students.

(7). Special Prayer should be arranged.

(8). There should be a Jail delivery on the following lines;

(a) Sentences of all prisoners sentenced to death with their Appeals decided or pending in High Courts should be commuted to transportation of Life.

(b) All prisoners with more than seven years un-expired imprisonment should be granted three years special remission of Indian Independent Celebration Day.

(c) All prisoners with more than four years and less than seven years unexpired imprisonment should be granted one year's special remission.

(d) All prisoners with more than one year's and less than four years imprisonment should be granted six months special remission.

(e) All prisoners with one year or less unexpired imprisonment should be released unconditionally forthwith.

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10. (a) All pending cases of enquiries on Departmental Proceedings against any class ofGovernment official should be rescinded.

(b) Service Books and Character Rolls of all grades of Govt. Servants should be started a new from 15th August 1947, taking previous entries on (i) dates of entry into Government service (ii) Qualifications (iii) and the type of experiences acquired. This step seems essential for the reason that so far Government servants were judged either from Imperial or Communal out-look and nothing in their service books and Character Rolls were not usually free from such lines. Every Government official should now have the feelings that he will be serving his people and the country under a National Government must give them solemn assurances that their good or bad record has no value and their work and conduct will be judged from 15th August 1947,onward. It is therefore necessary that Service Books and Character Rolls of all grades of Government officials should be newly prepared to wipe out their past record under Foreign Government.

(c). All Government and Local Bodies Employees drawing upto Rs.100/- per month should be given one month's special pay.

(d) All Government and Local Bodies Employees drawing over Rs.100/- P.M. ax and less than Rs.300/- P.M. should be given fifteen days' xx special pay.

(e) All Government and Local Bodies Servants drawing Rs.300/- per month or more should be allowed a special spell of fifteen days casual leave as Indian Independence Leave to be availed any time from 15th August 1947 to 31st. March 1948.

11. Whenever possible Boy Scouts and other youth organisations and volunteer corpse should arrange route Marches with Band Play headed by National Flag in their respective Areas

12. All the cultivators,Businessmen, professioners with less than rupees six thousand annual income should be given two months exemption in payment of land revenue and Income Tax in celebration of Ixx Independence Day.

13. All students imprisoned for Non-violent Political Offences should be released forthwith.

(b). All students involved in Political situation and prevent from appearing in any University or class Examination should be given class promotion and Honorary Degree respectively.

14. The Independence Day Celebration programme should be repeated every year.

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Ref. August-D/398

Date 29th July, 1947.

Deptt.

The Chief Commissioner,
Delhi.

D.2465/47-Pub(B)
Dt. 1-8-47.

Dear Sir,

In connection with the forthcoming Celebrations of 15th August 1947, Delhi Provincial Congress Committee has decided to celebrate Liberty Week from 9th to 15th instant August. We are going to have a number of meetings in various localities during the week. In order to enable the people to participate in the celebration with full freedom it is urged that the ban on meetings be lifted or the Congress Committees be given special permission for the same.

2. Demands are coming from the various departments of the Government that they want to celebrate 15th August with our help. But we think it is better to get this thing done through the Departments concerned. We would request you to kindly issue necessary circulars to all the Departments directing them to unfurl the National Flag over all Government Buildings such as Thanas, Schools, Hospitals, Municipal Committees, Cantonment etc.

Soliciting an early reply.

Youre faithfully,

Brahm Prakash
General Secretary.

Copies forwarded to :-
1. Dy. Commissioner, Delhi.
2. Secretary, Home Dept., New Delhi.
3. L. Desh Bandhu Gupta, M.L.A.,

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Letter
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No. 87/47-Public(B) Dated 12.8.47

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To

Mr. Bhagat Ram Shukla
Member, All India Congress
Committee
Ambala Cantt

Subj: Indian Independence Day-
Celebrations on 15th August, 1947.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter dt. 21.7.47 on the subject noted above addressed to Hon'ble Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and to say that the Govt. of India are taking necessary steps to ~~ce~~ celebrate the inauguration of the new Dominion of India in a ~~fitting~~ fitting manner on the 15th August, 1947.

Yours faithfully
ant
A.S.(C)

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Letter
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Telegram

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No. 87/47-Public(B) Dated 12.8.47

To

The General Secretary,
Delhi Provincial Congress Committee
Ajmere Gate, Delhi.

Sub: Indian Independence Day -
Celebrations on the 15th August, 1947

Dear Sir,

I am directed to ~~refer to receipt~~ acknowledge the receipt of a copy of your letter No. August 11/998 dt 29.7.47 ~~on the subject noted above~~ addressed to the Chief Commissioner, Delhi. ~~& and to say that the Govt. of India are taking suitable action in the matter.~~

Yours faithfully,

AS.(C)

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D.6471/47-G. Dated Simla, the 4-AUG 1947 194 .

The Secretary,
Home Department (India),
New Delhi.

Home Department (India) letter No.87/47/Public (B), dated 29th July 1947 on the subject of Indian National Flag-Celebrations on the 15th August 1947 forwarded to this office by the Secretariat of the Governor-General (Public) with their endorsement No.27/6/47-G.G.(B), dated the 2nd August 1947 received without page number 2. Please supply immediately to this office a spare copy of the letter under reference.

Please send one
at
My P.
5/8

Bishan Das
Assistant Secretary.

No.D6471/47-G. Simla, the

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the Governor-General (Public) Secretariat, New Delhi.

By Order,
Bishan Das,
Assistant Secretary,
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No.87/47-Public (B)

Government of India.

Home Department (India)

New Delhi, the 5th August 1947.

Express Letter.

From - Home Department, New Delhi.

To . Federal Public Service Commission, Simla.

Reference your Express Letter No.D.6471/47-G., dated 4th August 1947. Herewith a copy of the Home Department letter No.87/47-Public (B), dated the 29th July 1947.

Assistant Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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Your telegram C-20847 seventh Stop Impossible arrange medals Stop Few in stock local use only.

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(A.V.Raman)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

P.C.9.8.

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Home DEPARTMENT/OFFICE.

File No.
Serial No. 38

Draft ~~Letter~~ Memorandum Telegram

No. 87/47-Pub.(B) Dated 7th Aug. 47

To

The Chief Comms.,
Coorg.

National flags despatched ordinary post under receipt no. 815 dated 6th August by Edde Co. New Delhi direct to your address.

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1. Date of despatch.
2. List of enclosures.

7/8/47

As verbally directed by AS(C) a draft telegram to CC. Coorg is submitted.

AV Raman
7.8.47

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D. 2513/47 Punjab 4-8-47

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QPQIA PG YOUR TELEGRAM NO 87/47-1 PUBLIC - B OF THIRTYFIRST JULY

STOP HOME DEPARTMENTS LETTER RS 87/47-1 UBLIC 1 B DATED TWENTYNINTH

JULY NOT RECEIVED PLEASE SEND COPY ATONCE = PUNJAB

N. B.—The name of the Sender if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

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Copy of a telegram No.1018-PG, dated the 2nd August 1947, from the Chief Secretary to Government, Punjab, Lahore, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, New Delhi.

D. 2663/47-Pub (B)
Dt. 6-8-47.

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YOUR TELEGRAM No.87/47-1 PUBLIC (B) OF 31st JULY STOP HOME DEPARTMENT LETTER NO. 87/47-1 PUBLIC -1(B), DATED TWENTYNINTH JULY NOT RECEIVED. PLEASE SEND COPY ATONCE.

No.4824-PG-47/1019, dated Lahore, the 2nd August, 1947.

Why not sent? Copy forwarded by post in confirmation.

By order,

Ahmad Khan
Superintendent Political General,
for Chief Secretary to Government, Punjab.

This is p.s. of the telegram. A copy was already sent the Govt. of the receipt of this telegram. No action and no need to submit to PS(C)

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By Air Mail.

No.87/47-Public (B).

Government of India (India).

Home Department.

EXPRESS LETTER.

From Homen - New Delhi.

To Punjab - Lahore.

4.8.47

Your telegram QPQ1A PG, dated 2nd August 1947. Indian National Flag. Herewith a copy of this Deptt. letter No.87/47-Public (B), dated 29th July 1947.

for Assistant Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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SNO. 41 Immediate.

No.D.2642/47-Public(B).

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

HOME DEPARTMENT (INDIA).

NEW DELHI-3, the 6th August, 1947.

To

The Assistant Secretary (Mr. Padmanabhan)
Constituent Assembly Secretariat.

MEMORANDUM.

The undersigned would be grateful if two tickets can be issued to the Home Secretary for use of the Hon'ble Mr. R.N. Banerji and his wife for the Special meeting of the Constituent Assembly to be held at 11-30.P.M. on the 14th August, 1947.

Sd/- (A.V.Raman)
Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

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IMMEDIATE.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
DEPARTMENT OF WORKS MINES AND POWER(INDIA).

D. 2565/47-Pub(B) dt. 15.8.47

No. 1145 Dated New Delhi, the 14th August 1947.

MEMORANDUM.

In continuation of this Department's U.O.No.Adm.17(F), dated the 25th July 1947. National Flags will be available in the following sizes and prices from the Civil Shop in the North Block Secretariat after the 7th inst.

12'x6' (Khadi)	- Rs.21/- each	) For office buildings only.
6'x4' (Khadi)	- Rs. 7/- "	)
6'x4' (cotton)	- Rs. 3/- "	
4'x2'.8" (-do-)	- Rs. 1/12/-"	
3'x2' (-do-)	- Rs. 1/6/- "	
9"x6" (-do-)	- As.-/6/- "	

2. These flags may be purchased for residential purposes by Government employees against their identity cards. Not more than two cotton flags altogether will be sold per employee (one large and one small size).

3. All office buildings in Old and New Delhi will be decorated with flags by the Central Public Works Department direct, but departments may purchase their requirements from the shop for office buildings outside Delhi on requisitions to be signed by Deputy Secretaries. This procedure has been laid down because the supply will not be unlimited.

(H.C.Gupta)
Deputy Secretary to the Govt.of India,
and Secretary, Independence Day
Celebrations Committee.

To

All Departments of the Government of India.

Copy ----------

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Copy forwarded to all Attached and Subordinate offices; Mr. R.P.Barman,ISE.,Superintending Engineer, Central Public Works Department and Officer in-Charge Secretariat Civil Shop (North Block); Mr. D.S.Varadan, Information Officer, Press Information Bureau,Raisina Road Hotments, New Delhi, who may suitably notify in the Press in order to prevent black marketing in flags.

(H.C.Gupta).
Secretary,Independence Day,
Celebrations Committee.

L.R.S.
"4.8.47-200-D".

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TELEGRAM
COPY BY POST.
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No. 14209

Sr No. 43

Mercara, the 31st July 1947.

From - The Chief Commissioner of Coorg.

To - The Secretary to the Government of India,
Home Department, New Delhi.

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D. 2610/47 — Public,
5—8—47

f. 22/Corr.

Reference your telegram 87/1/47 Public(b) July thirtieth regarding National Flag. Request arrangements for supply of flags thrgugh Government of India. Requirements of flags by this Administration are one of size 12 feet by six feet six of size six feet by four feet nine of size 3 feet by two feet and three of size 9 inches by six inches. Please despatch consignment by post to reach Mercara by tenth August.

for Chief Commissioner.

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Request complied with placed order with M/s Eddie Bros. New Delhi.

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Copy of D.O. No. ST/CC dated the 2nd August 1947 from the Chief Commissioner, Delhi, to H.C. Gupta, Esq., ICS, Secretary, Independence Day Celebrations Committee, New Delhi

Many thanks for your D.O. letter No. G. 145 dated August 1, 1947, regarding representation of the Delhi Administration on the Celebrations Committee.

2- You are quite right in thinking that I never knew that my Deputy Commissioner and Senior Superintendent of Police were serving on the committee for the simple reason that I was never asked to nominate any representatives. I have no doubt that you will agree with me that the correct procedure would have been for you to have suggested to me to nominate one or more officers subordinate to me to serve on the committee as representatives of the Delhi Administration.

3. A few days ago the Home Department issued a circular letter to all Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners asking them to celebrate in a befitting manner the inauguration of the new Dominion of India on August 15th. It was in connection with this circular letter that I spoke to Banerjee the other day mentioning that since a Celebrations Committee had already been formed by the Government of India, I was not quite sure what I was required to do.

4. It is very kind of you that you have asked me to be a member of the committee, but as a programme for the celebrations has already been drawn up, and as my Deputy Commissioner and Senior Superintendent of Police are already serving on the committee, I do not think any useful purpose would be served by my joining the committee at this stage.

5. I have no objection to my Deputy Commissioner and Senior Superintendent of Police continuing to serve on the Celebrations Committee.

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D.O. No. 1074 ST/CC DELHI

2nd August 1947

My dear Banerjee,

I send you a copy of the above with reference to our talk on the subject over the 'phone day before yesterday.

Yours sincerely,

(S. Khurshid)

D. 2605/47—Pub.B, 5—8—47

R. N. Banerjee, Esquire, CSI, CIE, ICS,
Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Home Department,

NEW DELHI

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IMMEDIATE
(BY AIR MAIL)

No.3517-O/D.6.
Government of India.
Defence Department (Army Branch).
NEW DELHI, the 4th August 1947.

To

All Provincial Governments (India)
excluding Sind and North West Frontier Provinces.
and
The Chief Commissioners (India)
excluding Baluchistan.

D.2672/47-Pub(B)
Dt. 7-8-47.

Subject:- Indian National Flag - Celebrations on the 15th August 1947.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Home Department (India) letter No.87/47-PUB(B), dated the 29th July 1947, on the above subject, and to say that instructions have been issued to all Naval, Air and Army formations in all Commands, Areas and Sub-Areas in India to cooperate in the ceremoney of hoisting the Indian National Flag on the 15th August 1947 and to celebrate the day.

2. A copy of the instructions issued by the Defence Department is forwarded herewith for information.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(G.S.Bhalja)
Secretary to the Government of India.

No.3517/O/D.6.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Home Department (India) with reference to their endorsement No.87/47-(Public)B, dated the 29th July 1947.

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No.4149-A/D.6.
Government of India.
Defence Department (India).
NEW DELHI, the 31st July 1947.

O_F_F_I_C_E M_E_M_O_R_A_N_D_U_M

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of Home Department letter No.87/47-Public(B), dated the 29th July 1947, regarding the celebrations and hoisting of the Indian National Flag on the 15th August 1947.

2. The Honourable the Defence Member (India) desires that all Naval, Air and Army formations in all Commands, Areas and Sub-Areas in India should hoist the Indian National Flag on the 15th August 1947 and celebrate the day. Ceremonial parades should be held in all Provincial Capitals. Some Provincial Governments have expressed the desire to hoist the Indian National Flag on historical Forts in India such as Fort St. George, Madras, Sitabaldi Fort, Central Provinces, Red Fort, Delhi etc. The military authorities should cooperate in every way and the programme should be arranged in consultation with the Provincial Governments.

3. It is requested that detailed instructions be issued to all lower formations of the Royal Indian Navy, Royal Indian Air Force and the Indian Army. They should also be instructed to establish contact and liaison with local civil authorities, wherever necessary. In this connection, attention is invited to paragraph 5 of the Home Department letter referred to above. A copy of the instructions issued to lower formations may kindly be sent to this Department for information.

Sd/- G.S. Bhalja.

Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Commander-in-Chief, Royal Indian Navy.
The Air Officer-Commanding-in-Chief, India.
The Adjutant General in India.
The Quartermaster General in India.
The Engineer-in-Chief.
The Director of Medical Services in India.

79/31. PKB.

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Sno. 46

From.. Hicomind, London.
To.... E.A. & C.R. Department., New Delhi.
No.1744.
Dated 6th (recd: 7th)August 1947.

T.O.O.1552
T.O.R. 0730

D.2703/47-Pub(B)
Dt. 8-8-47.

No reply yet received to my telegram 1452 dated 22nd July and reminder dated 2nd August regarding 15th August celebrations.

2. Representatives of local MUSLIM League approached me today and informed me as follows..

(a) They understood hoisting of PAKISTAN flag in India was fixed for 14th August and they would like similar ceremony to take place in London on that date.

(b) As my office will represent both India and PAKISTAN on 14th August they would like Pakistan flag hoisted on that date.

(c) In order however not to cause any embarrassment to us they would agree to both flags being hoisted at India House simultaneously on 15th August.

3. Kindly cable your instructions immediately. Issue of invitations being held up pending your reply.

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PS to HM.SG., Secretary and Joint Secretary(C.R.Wing)(2)
P.S.V.(2) Cabinet Secretary., (E.A.Wing-FS.,JS(X).,AS(PROT)
COPY TO HOME DEPARTMENT.

P.E.W.(13)
Recd:August 7th.

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Telegrams : " TAPES " S.No. 47 Telephone : 5167

Webbing & Belting Factory Ltd.

Managing Agents
Textile Managers Ltd.

Head Office
Nicholson Road,
DELHI.

Dated 1st August 47.

D. 2202/47-Pub(B)
Dt. 9-8-47.

Dear Sir,

We are in a position to supply Khadi National Flags of different sizes at the rates given below :

Size.	Rates.	F. O. R. Delhi.
9" x 6"	As. -/3/-	each
12" x 9"	-/6/-	"
3' x 2'	Rs. 2/8/-	"
6' x 4'	10/-/-	"

Awaiting the favour of your esteemed orders.

Yours faithfully,
The Webbing & Belting Factory Ltd.,
For the Textile Managers Ltd,
(Sd.) H. P. KAUL
Managing Agents.

AGENTS:-
PANDIT BROTHERS
12-F, Connaught Place,
NEW DELHI.

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Camp Delhi.

Dated 1st August 47.

This is to say that the Khaddar National Flags shown to me by Messrs. The Webbing & Belting Factory Ltd., are very good indeed. They conform to the approved design and are the cheapest that I have seen so far.

Messrs. The Webbing & Belting Factory Ltd., are a reputable and realiable firm and I am glad that they have taken up this line to meet the demands of the country at such reasonable rates.

(Sd.) M. B. L. Dar,
Secretary To Government, United Provinces,
Local Self Government & Public Health,
LUCKNOW.

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D.2874/47—Pub.(B) 20—8—47

SNo.48

TELEGRAM O.T.P. SECRET 9873

From..... Hicomind, London

To..... Foreign, New Delhi

No.1793

Dated 7th(received 8th) August 1947. T.O.O. 2210
T.O.R. 0730

MOST IMMEDIATE

For Bajpai from VELLODI.

Your telegram No.6393 August 7th. It is not clear whether you have seen my telegram 1744 of August 6th wherein I had reported Muslim League representatives had approached me with certain proposals. Government instructions to fly Indian national flag and to make suitable arrangements if trouble is* apprehended do not, I respectfully submit, appear appropriate in the circumstances.

If there is any difficulty in deciding these matters and Partition Council is unable to arrive at a satisfactory solution I respectfully suggest appropriate course is to fly both Indian and PAKISTAN flags on India House on August 15th. It would be regretable if an important and auspicious occasion like one on August 15th is marred by unseemly demonstrations or by any suggestion of unfriendliness between the two Dominions.

Request instructions before August 9th.

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PS TO HM: SG C.R. WING (SECY & JT SECY)(2) PSV(2)
CABINET SECY (EA WING FS JSX AS(PROT) COPY TO HOME DT.

E.A.
?/8/47.

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From President All India Vaishnav Brahman Mahasabha Rewari

To The Secretary Union India New Delhi

No. AIVBS 101-47 Dated 8-8 1947

Subject :— To Join the function at Delhi

Reference :—

D. 2910/47—PubB 21-8-47

SNO. 49

Sir

I, as a representative of All India Vaishnav Brahman Mahasabha and in my personal capacity as a president of the afore said community beg to state that will you please arrange to permit me to join Constituti Assembly at Delhi on 14/8/47 at Zero Hours and on 15/8/47 day taday.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient & loyal Subject

Nand Ram

President

All India Vaishnav Brahman Mahasabha

Rewari (Gurgaon)

Punjab

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X MF CALCUTTA 8-36 RPPD OFFICER N CHARGE INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS COURT OF AJMBA NEW DELHI

REQUIRE FIFTEEN HUNDRED INDEPENDENCE MEDALS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO OUR STUDENTS STOP AGREE TO PAY STUDENTS STOP AGREE TO PAY COST IF NECESSARY PLEASE WIRE =

SECY MAHESHWARI VIDYALAYA SOVARAM BYSACK STREET

Telegram received 11/8 AS(C) 12/8 Pub (B)

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Shree Maheshwari Vidyalaya

'MAHESHWARI BHAWAN'
4, SOVARAM BYSACK STREET.

Ref. No. ..... (Copy)

Calcutta, 8/8 1947.

D. 2909/47 Pub B 21-8-47

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REPLY PAID

EXPRESS

OFFICER IN CHARGE
INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

REQUIRE FIFTEEN HUNDRED INDEPENDENCE MEDALS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO OUR STUDENTS STOP AGREE TO PAY COST IF NECESSARY PLEASE WIRE

SECRETARY
MAHESHWARI VIDYALAYA
SOVARAM BYSACK STREET
CALCUTTA.

Confirmed by air post

M. L. Benani

HONY. SECRETARY
SHREE MAHESHWARI VIDYALAYA
SOVA RAM BYSACK STREET,
CALCUTTA.

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Sec. Govt of India

H.M. may like to see

D. 2877/47—Public
20—8—47

S No. 52

Top Secret
6393/29

Telegram O.T.P. No.6393/29 dated 7th August 1947.

From.. Foreign, New Delhi.
To.... Hicomind, London.

Most Immediate

From Bajpai to Vellodi.

Correspondence ending your telegram No.1706 of August 2nd. Celebrations at India House. Government of India have decided that since India House is occupied by their representative, celebrations on 15th August should be on behalf of Dominion of India and Indian national flag should be flown. Please arrange accordingly. If you apprehend any trouble you will, no doubt, ask for appropriate assistance from authorities.concerned.

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PS to HM., SG., Secretary and Joint Secretary C.R.Wing., P.S.V.(2) Cabinet Secretary., (E.A.Wing-FS., JS(X)., and AS(PROT E)) copy to Secretary Home Department by name.

E.W.(13)
Rcd:August 7th.

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Central Model School

KINARI BAZAR,

No. _____ Delhi 8. 8. 1947

The Home Member,
Govt. of India,
New Delhi.

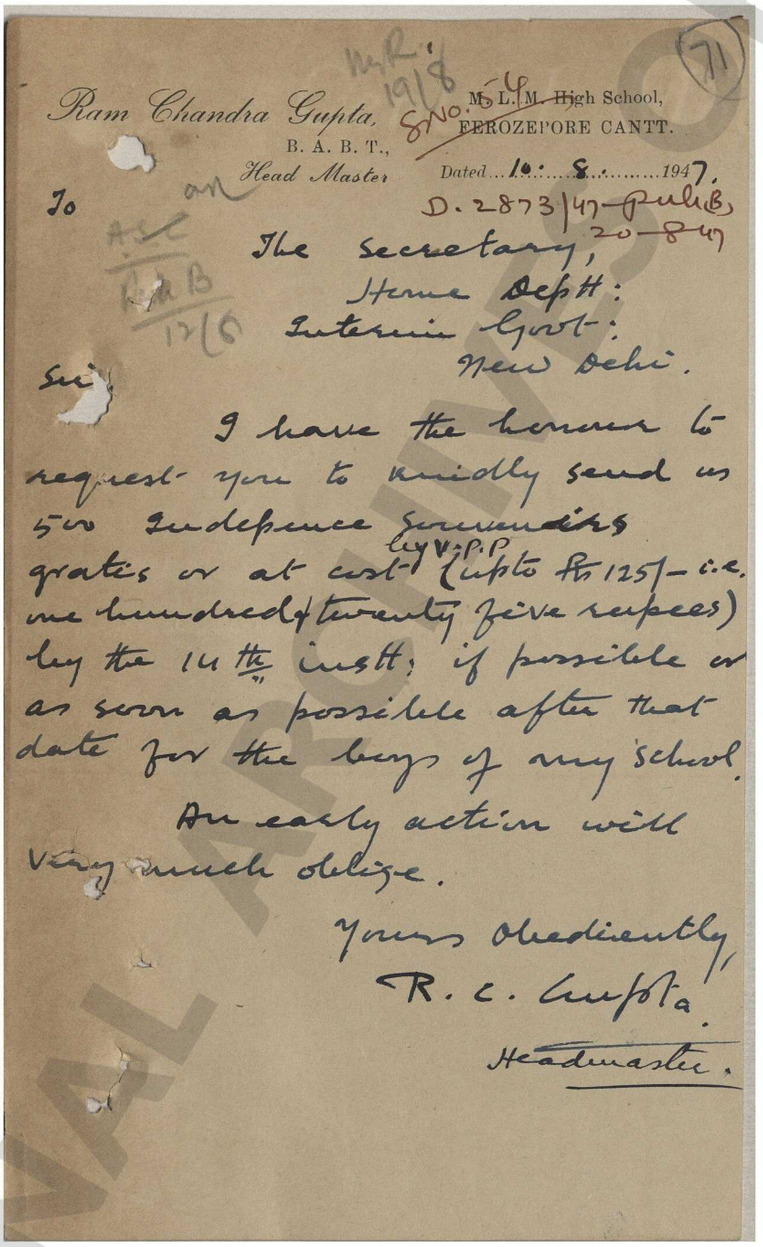
Sir,

From the newspapers, it is evident that the National Govt. and the Delhi Municipal Committee are taking keen interest for celebrating the 15th. August as an Historic day and a large amount has been allotted for distributing medals and sweets etc to school-children. Formerly Municipal Committee used to distribute sweets etc on such occasions, to the children of their own schools only, while the Govt. to those who were under their control. Private (un-aided and un-recognised) schools were ignored in this respect.

As it is an Indipendence Day, when the British rule will cease and the old customs will no longer be enforced in future, it is expected that private schools should not be meted step-motherly treatment on this auspicious day. It will be in the fitness of things if the private schools are treated like other recognized schools for distributing medals and sweets etc.

I beg to remain
Sir,
Yours obediently,
Ramnath Parikh
(R.N. Parikh.)
Head-master.

Copy to D. C. Delhi
Copy to Supdt of Education
Copy to Presdent Delhi M.C.
Copy to Press.



Ram Chandra Gupta,
B. A. B. T.,
Head Master

M. L. M. High School,
FEROZEPORE CANTT.

Dated ... 10 ... 8 ... 1947.

To

The Secretary,
Home Deptt:
Interim Govt:
New Delhi.

Sir,

I have the honour to request you to kindly send us 5 Copies Independence Souvenirs gratis or at cost (upto Rs 125/- i.e. one hundred & twenty five rupees) by the 14th inst: if possible or as soon as possible after that date for the boys of my school.

An early action will very much oblige.

Yours obediently,
R. C. Gupta.
Headmaster.

C. L. Gupta
B. Sc. LL. B.
Pleader.

Residence : KUCHA PATI RAM.
Office : DARIBA KALAN.

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DELHI 12. 8. 1947.

D. 2876/47 Public
20-8-47

To The Assistant Secretary
Govt of India,
Home Department
New - Delhi

Ref:- 87/47 Public 13, dated 7/8/47
(p. 33/con.

Sir,

Thank you very much for your above referred letter which was received this morning, only two days before the Flag Hoisting Ceremony, during which Period I am supposed to apply for passes to C.C. Delhi. I regret to state that the Period left at my disposal is so short that if I apply to C.C

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now, my letter would be
acknowledged after 15th inst when
the show is over.

Thanks.

Yours obediently
C L Gupta
Advocate.

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DEPARTMENT/OFFICE.

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~~Letter~~
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~~Telegram~~

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No. 87/47-Pub (B) Dated 26.8.47

1. Date of despatch.
2. List of enclosures.

SB 2518 MHR 2618

Received 26/8/47

Pb. 21/corr. F.R.

To

Mr. R.C. ~~Gr~~ Gupta.,
Head-Master,
M.L.M. High School,
Ferozepore Cantt.

Sub: Indian Independence Medals to School Children.

Sir,

With reference to ~~the Captain's~~ your letter dated 10.8.47 on the subject noted above ~~the undersigned~~ I am is directed to say that ~~as far as medals were struck here for local use only. It is therefore regretted that~~ this Department is not in a position to supply ~~the requisite number of~~ any medals for ~~which arrangements may please be made locally, if necessary.~~ this purpose.

only a limited number of medals for local distribution were obtained from the Mint master Bombay

Yours obe.
I have etc.
and
A.S.(C)

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EXPRESS STATE

BAPAT
BENGAL WEST
CALCUTTA.

FROM BANERJEE TO BAPAT NO NATIONAL ANTHEM ADOPTED SO FAR STOP NO NEW NATIONAL ANTHEM IS BEING INCLUDED IN PROGRA OF CELEBRATIONS BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT STOP PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS MAY OF COURSE INCLUDE NATIONAL SONGS IN THEIR CELEBRATION PROGRA IF THEY SO DESIRE STOP LETTER FOLLOWS

HOMEIN, NEW DELHI.

ack 21/8/47 Pub.(B)

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The Non Gazetted Officers' Association,

NILGIRIS DISTRICT CENTRE.

D.3033/47 Public 26-8-47 Public (B) 26/8 Srno. 58

Ootacamund,

Date 19th August 1947.

To
The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Home Minister,
Government of India,
NEW DELHI.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith for the information of Government copies of two resolutions passed by the General Body of this Association at its meeting held on the Independence Day.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Secretary.

Encl: One.

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Copies of resolutions passed by the General Body meeting of the non-Gazetted Officers' Association, Nilgiris District Centre, on 15-8-47.

I. On this great day in the History of the Nation, the Non-Gazetted Officers of the Nilgiris district reverently salute the National Flag of the Union of India and take the solemn oath that they shall ever be loyal to the Flag and strive with all the strength in them to uphold its dignity.

II. On this happy and momentous occasion when India has attained its cherished goal of Independence, the Non-Gazetted Officers of the Nilgiris District wholeheartedly join the country in its rejoicings and send to the Constituent Assembly and the Dominion Government their loyal Greetings. In doing so, they pledge to the Government and the Country their unflinching loyalty and service. They also wish to assure the Government and the Country that in discharging their duties the Non-Gazetted Officers shall always be guided by the welfare of the people and in doing so they shall never allow fear, favour or prejudice to deviate them from the just and right path.

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True copy.

Secretary,
The Non-Gazetted Officers' Associatio
Nilgiris District Centre.

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From:- B. S. Puri, Esqr., OBE., ISE.,
Chief Engineer

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D.O.No. E I/186

S. No. 59

CENTRAL
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Dated New Delhi, the 25th July, 1947.

D.2381/47-Pub(B)
dt. 26.7.47.

My dear Rao Sahib,

With reference to our telephonic conversation about your being co-opted a member of the Celebration Sub-Committee, I have spoken to Mr.Bedekar and he has informed me that he has no objection to your serving on our committee. I shall be grateful if you would agree to the proposal.

ad 25/7

Even if the Home Secretary nominates another representative of the Home Department, we will still need your services.

Yours sincerely,

B S Puri

Rao Sahib A.V.Raman,
Asstt; Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Home Department,
New Delhi.

Please issue at once ~~draft~~ reply below
A V Raman
25-7-47

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Most immediate

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D.O.No. 2377/47-Public (B),
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
HOME DEPARTMENT (INDIA),
New Delhi 3, the 25th July, 1947.

Dear Mr. Puri,

S No. 60 p. 28/cor

Thanks to your d.o. no. E.I./186 of date. Mr. Bedekar has informed me that I should serve on the Committee. I shall be most delightful to do so. I shall be ready to do any service that may be needed of me.

Yours sincerely,

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O/c

B.S. Puri, Esquire,
O.B.E., I.S.E.,
Chief Engineer (Aviation Wing),
Works, Mines and Power Department,
NEW DELHI 3.

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CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

SNo. 61

IMMEDIATE. No. CE/466-II

Dated New Delhi, the 11/8 August, 1947.

Memorandum.

A copy of the Adjutant General's Branch Notification No.172330/PS2(d), dated the 9th August 1947, is forwarded to:-

(i) R.P.Barman,Esqr., Supdg: Engineer, II Circle,CPWD.

(ii) Rai Sahib G. R. Sethi,Supdg: Engineer,I Circle,CPWD.

(iii) Rao Sahib A.V.Raman,Asstt: Secretary, Home Deptt.,Govt. of India, New Delhi.

(iv) Rai Sahib Karam Chand,Asstt: Secretary,Central Waterways, Irrigation & Navigation Commission, New Delhi.

(v) Senior Supdt.of Police, ~~New~~ Delhi (D.C.Lal,Esqr.,I.P.)

for information.

11/8/47

2. It is requested that you will kindly make arrangements for watching the Rehearsal of the Parade at 17-00 hrs. on the 11th August 1947.

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CHIEF ENGINEER.

Enclosure:-
Copy of Notification.

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IMMEDIATE

No. 172330 / PS 2(d).

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S BRANCH

"SALUTING THE FLAG" CEREMONEY.

The following practive parades in connection with "Saluting the Flag" Ceremoney on 15th August will take place at Princes' Park on Monday 11 August and Tuesday 12th August:-

11 August'47.

09-00 hrs. Conferance of all Detachment Commanders.

17-00 hrs. Complete rehearsal of the parade.

12 August'47.

07-30 hrs. Rehearsal of the parade being held on the morning 15th August 1947.

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Lt. Col.,
9/8/47.

Mr. B. S. Puri. OBE.,
CE., Works Mines & Power Department.

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From:- B. S. Puri, Esqr., OBE.,ISE.,
Chief Engineer

D.O.No. E-I/186

CENTRAL
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

S.No.62

Dated New Delhi, the 1st August,1947.

My dear Raman,

I send you a copy of the Press Note which is being issued to the Information & Broadcasting Department as decided in our meeting yesterday.

Yours sincerely,

B S Puri

Enclosure:
Copy of Press Note

Rao Sahib A.V.Raman,
Asstt: Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Home Deptt.,
New Delhi.

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IV. FLAG CEREMONY.

At 6 P.M. Their Excellencies, escorted by the Governor General's Bodyguard, will leave Government House in the Stat carriage for Princes Park near Memorial Arch and will be met the Prime Minister and G.O.C.(India). The troops on parade wi be formed in a hollow square with Guards of Honour of the RIN, IA and RIAF in the centre with bands in attendance.

His Excellency will take a Royal Salute and inspect the troops, after which he will return to the saluting base facing the Flagstaff.

The National Flag will then be unfurled on which there will be a Royal Salute including a salvo of 31 guns.

The troops will then March Past, His Excellency taking post at the Flagstaff. The March Past will be followed by a Fly Past by RIAF who will in salute.

At the conclusion of the Parade at about 6-45 P.M., Their Excellencies will return in State to the Government House.

V. EVENING CEREMONIES.

Illumination and floodlighting of principal public buildings in Delhi, War Memorial Arch, the fountains and the Qutab will be done at 7 P.M.

At 7-45 P.M. there will be a Display of fireworks at the western end of the Central Vista near the Great Place.

There will be an official Dinner at Government House at about 8-45 P.M. followed by a Reception at 10-15 P.M.

VI. OTHER CELEBRATIONS.

Besides the above official ceremonies, arrangements are being made for free distribution of sweets and specially designed Independence Medals (the National Flag on one side and "Jai Hind" with date inscribed on the reverse) to all school students on the occasion.

Steps are being taken by several private organisations to arrange prayers in temples, mosques & churches.

VII. EVENING CEREMONIES ON 16TH AUGUST.

Illumination and flood-lighting of principal public buildings in Delhi, War Memorial Arch, the fountains and the Qutab will be done at 7 P.M.

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There will be fire works on a large scale near the Red Fort.

Note:-

The timings given are approximate and are subject to minor alterations. Further details will be announced from time to time.

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From:- B.S.Puri, Esqr., OBE.,ISE.,
Chief Engineer

D.O.No.E.I/186

D.No.63

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Dated New Delhi, the 2nd August 1947.

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My dear Raman,

With reference to my D.O.No.E.I/186, dated the 1st August 1947, please add the folliwing under Item VI (Other Celebrations) of the Press Note enclosed therewith:-

"Steps are being taken by several private organizations to arrange prayers in temples, mosques and churches".

Yours sincerely,

B.S.Puri

Rao Sahib A.V.Raman,
Asstt: Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Home Deptt.,
New Delhi.

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Central Waterways, Irrigation
& Navigation Commission.

New Delhi, the 24th July, 1947.

Dear Mr. David,

With reference to our telephonic conversation of date I send herewith a copy of my letter dated the 19th July 1947 sent to the Private Secretary to the Hon'ble the Home Member in connection with the 'INDEPENDENCE DAY' celebrations on 15th August 1947. I shall be obliged if you will kindly place it before the Sub-committee appointed for the purpose or forward this to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Karam Chand

(Karam Chand)
Assistant Secretary.

J.A. David, Esquire,
Assistant Secretary to the Government of India,
Home Department,
New Delhi.

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Central Waterways, Irrigation
& Navigation Commission.

New Delhi, the 19th July 1947.

Dear Mr. Shankar,

I venture to write to you the following for your kind consideration and placing it before the Honourable the Home Member.

15th August, the day of India's national independence, is fast approaching. It is necessary that this day should be celebrated with as much pomp and show as possible in order to infuse the spirit of independence in the general public. So far no announcement has been made by the Home Department on the subject.

I wish to impress the extreme necessity of some kind of public celebrations on that day. I place below the following for the kind consideration of the Sardar of the Nation:-

I. Friday, the 15th August.

(i) Friday, the 15th August should be observed as a public holiday throughout India.

(ii) In the morning parade on large scale should be held at some public place, preferably War Memorial, where officials and non-officials should be invited to attend. The National Flag approved by the Constitutent Assembly should be hoisted. Thereafter there should be a big procession headed by bands and flags. The Premier of India and other members of the Cabinet and members of the Constitutent Assembly may take part in it. The procession should pass through the important streets of Delhi and New Delhi. It would be impressive if the Premier is seated on an elephant duly decorated.

(iii) National Flag should be hoisted on public buildings and an appeal should be issued to the general public to hoist National Flags on their premises. Arrangements should be made for the supplyof National Flags of various sizes at reasonable prices to the general public.

(iv) In the evening there should be fireworks at a central place in New Delhi, preferably at the Connaught Place or Ram Lila Grounds.

(v) Illumination of the public buildings. Public should be invited to illuminate their premises and houses.

(vi) A short broadcast by the Premier on India at about 9.30 P.M.

II. Saturday, the 16th August.

On Saturday, the 16th August officers and other staff should exchange gr

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Departments and officers may be requested to arrange for the distribution of sweets and fruits to the inferior staff of their offices by voluntary subscriptions from officers in receipt of pay of Rs.400/- p.m. and above. Some function might be held in each office as to infuse the spirit of patriotism amongst the officers and staff.

In schools and colleges there should be gatherings of professors, teachers and stu dents. Arrange-m e nts for the recitation of songs and peoms may be made. Thereafter mathces may be played.

In the day public men and institutions should arrange for feeding the poor.

III. Sunday, the 17th August.

There shou ld be 'thanks giving service' in Temples, Gurdwaras, Churches, etc. and prayers should be offered for the solidarity and propserity of the country.

2. As you are aware, I have been associated for a number of years with public celebrations and parades and other demonstrations arranged by the Home Department. I shall feel it a great honour if I could be of any service to the Home Department in connection with the 'Independence Day Celebrations.'

Yours sincerely,

Karam Chand.

V. Shankar Esquire, ICS.
Private Secretary to the Hon'ble the Home Member.

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No. FD/ 2513 /47,
Government of India,
Home Department,
Civil Defence Branch,
Stores Depot (Fire),
219, Grand Trunk Road,
Baidyabati, the 4th August 1947.

D.268(47)-Pub(B)
Dt. 2.8.47.
To

Rao Sahib A.V. Raman, M.A.,
Assistant Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Home Department, Civil Defence Branch,
N E W D E L H I.

Sub:- National Flag.

Dear Sir,

I am grateful for your D.O. letter No. 87/47-Public(B) dated 30.7.47 with instructions regarding the hoisting of National Flag. Suitable action will be taken by the Depot to celebrate the day.

Yours sincerely,

4.8.47

(A. L. Kar.)
Administrative Officer,
Civil Defence Stores Depot,

PRC/4/8.

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Shree Maheshwari Vidyalaya

'MAHESHWARI BHAWAN'
4, SOVARAM BYSACK STREET.

Ref. No. ..... Calcutta, 8/8 1947.

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D.2740/47-Pub(B)
Dt. 12-8-47.

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OFFICER IN CHARGE
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NEW DELHI

REQUIRE FIFTEEN HUNDRED INDEPENDENCE MEDALS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO OUR STUDENTS STOP AGREE TO PAY COST IF NECESSARY PLEASE WIRE

SECRETARY
MAHESHWARI VIDYALAYA
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SOVA RAM BYSACK STREET,
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